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of Beatle Paul McCartney

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Description

In the fall of 1969, a rumor swept across two continents that the lovable Beatle, Paul McCartney, had been killed in a car crash. According to some, he was replaced by “Billy Shears.”

This book is an attempt to separate fact from fiction. Join the author on a fascinating trip deep into rock n’ roll lore. You will no doubt be surprised by some of the discoveries that are made along the way to the shocking conclusion.

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In this book, Tina carefully lays out her case for Paul’s death and replacement, presenting forensic evidence and witness statements, as she leads the reader through a decade of research. Prepare to have your mind blown as Tina’s was when she first embarked on the PID journey. Although some of the information may be disturbing, it leads to a greater understanding of how unseen forces

operate in secret to manipulate perceptions and manage the populace.

Tina is also the author of *The Splitting Image: Exposing the Secret World of Doubles, Decoys, and Impostor-Replacements*.

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Do You Want to Know a Secret?

*I see right through your plastic mac.*²

Peter Townsend

In 1960, Paul McCartney, John Lennon, and George Harrison formed what would become one of the most popular and influential rock n' roll bands of all time — The Beatles.³ Along with Ringo Starr, who joined in 1962, the Fab Four dominated popular music until they broke up in 1970.⁴

The lads from Liverpool were “the first British rock group to achieve worldwide prominence, launching a British Invasion that made rock truly an international phenomenon.”⁵ “The Beatles

² “Substitute: The Who.” *Song Facts*. N.p., n.d. Web. 12 Oct. 2018.

³ Paul joined Lennon’s band, The Quarry Men in 1957 and Harrison joined in 1958. Ringo Starr joined The Beatles in 1962. Unterberger, Richie. “The Beatles: Biography by Richie Unterberger.” *All Music*. N.p., n.d. Web. 23 Dec. 2018; Williams, Rob. “Paul McCartney Biography.” *ArticleBio*. N.p., 25 Sept. 2017. Web. 23 Dec. 2018; Briggs, Alistair. “Paul McCartney: Beatles Bass Player and Other Instruments.” *Musicinstruments.knoji.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; Zaleski, Annie. “Everyone loves Paul McCartney: The secrets of one Beatle’s eternal appeal.” *Salon*. N.p., 1 July 2018. Web. 23 Dec. 2018; Lehnardt, Karin. “96 Interesting Facts about The Beatles.” *Fact Retriever*. N.p., 16 Mar. 2017. Web. 15 Dec. 2018. Citing Harry, Bill. *The Ultimate Beatles Encyclopedia*. New York, NY: Hyperion, 1992; “Ringo Starr.” *The Beatles Bible*. N.p., n.d. Web. 19 Apr. 2018.

⁴ Paul said in 1966, “The only reason we won’t be around [in ten years] is we’ll be dead.” Unterberger. “The Beatles Biography by Richie Unterberger.”; “Beatles Interviews Database: Beatles Press Conference: Toronto, Canada 8/17/1966.” *The Beatles Ultimate Experience*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; “Paul McCartney announces the breakup of The Beatles.” *History*. N.p., n.d. Web. 19 Apr. 2018.

⁵ Unterberger. “The Beatles Biography by Richie Unterberger.”



The Beatles in Stockholm, Sweden (1963).⁶

enjoyed an unprecedented level of celebrity. Ubiquitous, universally adored, John, Paul, George and Ringo were the four most famous faces on the planet.”⁷ They were the most photographed subjects of the

1960s.⁸

The quartet exploded onto the British scene in 1963 with a string of number one hits and a chart-topping debut album, *Please Please Me*.⁹ The title song “was the prototype British Invasion single: an infectious melody, charging guitars, and positively

⁶ Photo credit: By ingen uppgift - Scanpix, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=22219792>.

⁷ Fortnam, Ian. “How The Beatles' White Album changed everything.” *Louder*. N.p., 10 Sept. 2014. Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

⁸ Lehnardt. “96 Interesting Facts about The Beatles.” Citing Harry, Bill. *The Ultimate Beatles Encyclopedia*. New York, NY: Hyperion, 1992.

⁹ Runtagh, Jordan. “10 Things You Didn't Know George Harrison Did.” *Rolling Stone*. N.p., 29 Nov. 2016. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

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exuberant harmonies.”¹⁰ “All of their subsequent albums and singles would show remarkable artistic progression (though never at the expense of a damn catchy tune).”¹¹

Journalist Maureen Cleave recalled, “Early in 1963, Gillian Reynolds tipped me off about this odd group in Liverpool who inspired an unaccountable frenzy in the young... One could hardly believe the speed with which they became famous. In the beginning of 1963 they were the darlings of Merseyside. By October, they were famous all over Britain. A year later, soon after their appearance in the United States, they were probably the most famous people in the English-speaking world...”¹²

“She Loves You” and “I Want to Hold Your Hand” (both released in 1963) established the group as a phenomenon never before seen in the British entertainment business.¹³ People “became intoxicated by their wit and charisma.”¹⁴ Screams and hysteria greeted them at all of their public appearances.¹⁵

At one concert, “the noise levels rose to deafening and ‘nerve-tingling’ proportions” as Paul graced the stage.¹⁶ At a 1964 concert in Dundee, Scotland, the music could only be heard by fans in the first few rows due to the screaming.¹⁷ Scores of paramedics were called in to help collapsing fans.¹⁸ An agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) described The Beatles’ show at the

¹⁰ Unterberger. “The Beatles Biography by Richie Unterberger.”

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² Cleave, Maureen. “The John Lennon I knew.” *The Telegraph*. N.p., 5 Oct. 2005. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

¹³ Unterberger. “The Beatles Biography by Richie Unterberger.”

¹⁴ Levitin, Daniel J. “It Was 40 Years Ago Today.” *The Washington Post*. N.p., 1 June 2007. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

¹⁵ Unterberger. “The Beatles Biography by Richie Unterberger.”

¹⁶ Morkis, Stefan. “Beatles for sale: rare photos of Fab Four in Dundee set to fetch thousands.” *The Courier*. N.p., 10 Mar. 2018. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

Cow Palace, Daly City, California on August 19, 1964, “Approximately seventeen thousand persons, predominately juveniles, jammed into the Cow Palace to see performance. Crowd... became extremely noisy and excited on appearance of Beatles. Numerous spectators treated for fainting, exhaustion, and minor injuries.”¹⁹



*The Beatles in Madrid, Spain, July 1, 1965.*²⁰

The Beatles rose to a level of near-universal adoration that few other musicians have achieved.²¹ At a 1963 performance at the British seaside resort of Bournemouth, CBS News’

London correspondent, Alexander Kendrick, described “Beatlemania” as an “epidemic” that had “seized the population, especially female.”²² At

¹⁹ “FBI Records: The Vault: The Beatles Part 3 of 9.” *The Federal Bureau of Investigation*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018. Page 2.

²⁰ Photo credit: By Iberia Airlines - [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Los_Beatles_\(19266969775\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Los_Beatles_(19266969775).jpg), CC BY 2.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=53767856>.

²¹ Kozinn, Allan. “Five myths about the Beatles.” *The Washington Post*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

²² The term used to describe this phenomenon, “Beatlemania,” was coined in 1963. Crandall, Bill. “CBS News reports on the Beatles in 1963.” *CBS News*. N.p., 21 Jan. 2014. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

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the height of Beatlemania, the Fab Four had to run “to escape screaming mobs of frightening harpies.”²³

According to filmmaker Albert Maysles, The Beatles were “never spoiled by their celebrity, That was a wonderful element in their charm and appeal.”²⁴ “Their uncanny ability to crank out concise, era-defining hits was the key to their success, and their world-beating charm was significantly enhanced by their easy camaraderie... [T]hey had developed an understanding that bordered on telepathy, an intuitive harmony that manifested itself in the creation of perfect pop.”²⁵

Paul McCartney, who achieved “a level of famous that's almost hard to comprehend,” is at the center of what radio personality, Russ Gibb, called “one of the great conspiracy theories of the music industry.”²⁶ According to the Paul Is Dead (PID)

²³ Cleave. “The John Lennon I knew.” See also Lehnardt. “96 Interesting Facts about The Beatles.”; Wilson, Chris. “10 Fab facts you didn’t know about The Beatles.” *Daily Mirror*. N.p., 8 Sept. 2009. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

²⁴ Freklfacejpr. “Outtakes from ‘The Beatles: 1st US Visit’ Documentary.” *Youtube*. N.p., 27 July 2010. Web. 11 Aug. 2018. At 4:28

²⁵ Fortnam. “How The Beatles' White Album changed everything.”

²⁶ Rumors began circulating by January 1967 and became world wide news in the fall of 1969. The conspiracy theory is generally referred to as “Paul is Dead” or PID for short. “Paul McCartney Research Notes.” *The Truth Reports*. N.p., 29 Apr. 2016. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; [Fontenot, Robert](#). “Q. How did the ‘Paul is dead’ rumor begin?” *About.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; “Paul McCartney is really dead.” *TGCOM24*. N.p., 21 July 2009. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; “Is Paul McCartney Dead? No... He’s Just ‘Hot!’” *Conspiromedia*. N.p., 19 May 2012. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; Stewart, Will. “‘Paul Is Dead’ rumor fascinates, 40 years after it took off locally.” *The Ann Arbor News*. N.p., 10 Oct. 2009. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; Ankeny, Jason, “Russ Gibb: Biography by Jason Ankeny,” *All Music*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018; Unterberger. “The Beatles Biography by Richie Unterberger.”; Williams. “Paul McCartney Biography.”; Briggs. “Paul McCartney: Beatles Bass Player and Other Instruments.”; Zaleski. “Everyone loves Paul McCartney: The secrets of one Beatle’s eternal appeal.”; Lehnardt. “96 Interesting Facts about The Beatles.” Citing Harry, Bill. *The Ultimate Beatles Encyclopedia*. New York, NY: Hyperion, 1992.

legend, Paul died in a car crash in 1966 and was replaced by an impostor.²⁷

Written accounts of the Paul Is Dead story first appeared in college newspapers in the fall of 1969.²⁸ For three weeks, Paul's death was one of the main topics of conversation in America.²⁹ The possibility that he could be dead was discussed on the "evening news of all three major television networks, and in prestigious national magazines such as *Time* and *Life*."³⁰

"Many fans have claimed that the rumour was a hoax perpetrated by The Beatles, either as a joke, or to stimulate record sales. This was denied numerous times by all four band members."³¹ Ken Mansfield, author of *The Beatles, The Bible and Bodega Bay*, was the overseer of the band's projects and the running of Apple Records' US operations.³² When asked whether the "Paul is Dead" uproar had been staged, Mansfield answered, "I don't know. They left me hanging... Nobody gave me a straight answer. The band let it have a life of its own."³³ While in Moscow, Russia in 2005, an audience member asked McCartney if he were "natural or

²⁷ "Paul McCartney Research Notes."; Fontenot, "Q. How did the 'Paul is dead' rumor begin?"; "Paul McCartney is really dead."; "Is Paul McCartney Dead? No... He's Just 'Hot!';" Stewart, "'Paul Is Dead' rumor fascinates, 40 years after it took off locally."; Ankeny, "Russ Gibb: Biography by Jason Ankeny,"

²⁸ "The 'Paul Is Dead' Rumor." *Turn Me On, Dead Man*. N.p., n.d. Web. 23 Dec. 2018.

²⁹ "Paul is Dead." *Museum of Hoaxes*. N.p., n.d. Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

³⁰ Glenn, Alan. "'Paul is Dead!' (said Fred)." *Michigan Today*. N.p., 11 Nov. 2009. Web. 20 Dec. 2018.

³¹ "Paul is Dead." *Blendedexposures.blogspot.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 15 Dec. 2018. See also Shelokhonov, Steve. "Paul McCartney Biography." *IMDb*, N.p., n.d. Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

³² O'boogie, Dr. Winston. "Submission #317." *Paulisdeadcom.ipage.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 17 Dec. 2018.

³³ *Id.*

double?”³⁴ He responded cryptically with, “That’s a secret. I can’t tell you.”³⁵

“[T]here is enough data on offer to suggest that something mysterious or untoward is afoot.”³⁶ In addition to “the intriguing and compelling clues,” thought-provoking and convincing evidence is presented in support of PID.³⁷ For example, the colors red (symbolizing blood) and black (death) were used frequently in The Beatles’ album art after Paul’s alleged death.³⁸ The predominant use of red in McCartney’s artwork has even convinced some art critics that the PID rumor could be true.³⁹ Art expert, Baird Jones, explained that McCartney “predominantly uses the colour red in ways one would not. It’s the colour of blood and death.”⁴⁰ Jones believes that the clues in McCartney’s art “might be evidence that the Paul McCartney we think we know is not Paul McCartney; he’s an imposter...”⁴¹

Author and broadcaster, Jay Marks, attended the engagement party for McCartney and Jane Asher on or about December 25, 1967. Marks found it strange that McCartney spent most of the time with photographer Linda Eastman and not with his fiancée, Jane Asher.⁴² Marks revealed to WABC disc jockey, Roby Yonge, “I got to tell you, Roby. A funny thing, I was at a cocktail

³⁴ MikeyNL1038. “Paul is dead - nothing is real 4.” *Youtube*. N.p., 26 Oct. 2007. Web. 16 Dec. 2018. At 4:45

³⁵ *Id.*

³⁶ “Is Paul McCartney Dead? No... He’s Just “Hot!”

³⁷ *Id.*

³⁸ “The ‘Paul Is Dead’ Rumor.”

³⁹ Wenn. “Art Critics Reconsider ‘Mccartney Is Dead’ Myth.” *Contactmusic.com*. N.p., 25 Sept. 2005. Web. 23 Dec. 2018.

⁴⁰ *Id.*

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² Iamaphoney. “Paul is dead - the rotten apple 77.” *Youtube*. N.p., 9 Sept. 2009. Web. 16 Dec. 2018; “Roby Yonge with John Paul Roberts, June 13, 1995.” *Reelradio.com*. N.p., n.d. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.

party for Paul McCartney and Jane Asher, for their engagement situation. I noticed that Paul was not paying any attention to Jane, but was rather cozy with Linda Eastman, the photographer girl who had taken the pictures on a recent tour. I asked, 'What is this?' And I was told, 'Don't you know? That's not the boy she fell in love with. That's his replacement. It's all very hush hush, you know.'"⁴³

According to Roby Yonge, Marks noticed that "Paul" looked different.⁴⁴ Marks said, "I was at the engagement party for Jane Asher and Paul McCartney... Paul McCartney looking a little bit different under the eyes... Why is he so thin?... Why aren't they together? He is over there with this girl with a camera. 'Oh, that's Linda Eastman. She was on the tour with him. That's his girlfriend.' What do you mean 'girlfriend?' He's supposed to be engaged to Jane. 'No, that's not the same McCartney'"⁴⁵

A couple of years later, on March 12, 1969, McCartney married Linda Eastman, which was thought to be proof that he was not the real Paul.⁴⁶ This was due not only to the fact that he married someone other than long-term girlfriend, Jane Asher, but also because Paul had said on several occasions that he did not like marriage, thought that it was "no good," and even found the idea of

⁴³ Patterson, R. Gary. *The Walrus Was Paul: The Great Beatle Death Clues*. USA: Simon and Schuster, 1998. pp. 101-102. Print.

⁴⁴ Iamaphoney. "Paul is dead - the rotten apple 77." At 2:40. See also "Roby Yonge with John Paul Roberts, June 13, 1995."; "Paul McCartney and Jane Asher announce their engagement." *The Beatles Bible*. N.p., n.d. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.

⁴⁵ Iamaphoney. "Paul is dead - the rotten apple 77." At 2:40. See also "Paul McCartney and Jane Asher announce their engagement."; "Roby Yonge with John Paul Roberts, June 13, 1995."

⁴⁶ The only people who were invited to the McCartneys' wedding was Beatles' road manager, Malcolm ("Mal") Evans and McCartney's brother, Mike McGear. Michael McGear took the name of "McGear" as his professional name so as not to capitalize on the fame of his brother. His band was The Scaffold. Goodman, Linda. *Star Notes* (June 1989): 9; "The 'Paul Is Dead' Rumor."; "The Paul McCartney Death Clues." *H2g2*. N.p., 9 Mar. 2000. Web. 23 Dec. 2018; "Paul McCartney marries Linda Eastman." *The Beatles Bible*. N.p., n.d. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.; "Paul McCartney Research Notes."; Shelokhonov. "Paul McCartney Biography."

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it to be “frightening.”⁴⁷ Upon McCartney’s nuptials, Jay Marks sent him the following message: “Congratulations, whoever you are!”⁴⁸

“Since their split, Asher has consistently refused to publicly discuss her relationship with McCartney.”⁴⁹ Perhaps tellingly, her “novels are all about trauma, loss and broken love affairs.”⁵⁰

McCartney’s failure to attend his father’s funeral in Liverpool, England on March 22, 1976 has also raised doubts as to his true identity.⁵¹ McCartney was traveling from Copenhagen, Denmark on March 21, 1976 to Berlin, Germany for a March 23, 1976 concert.⁵² He did not have a concert on March 22 and, therefore, could have gone to the funeral.⁵³ It is thought that he chose not to attend for fear that Paul’s family members would recognize him as being an impostor.⁵⁴

⁴⁷ Fab4info. “The Beatles Go Dutch - Interview 1964.” *Youtube*. N.p., 13 July 2012. Web. 22 Dec. 2018. At 1:40; In The Life of... The Beatles. “The Beatles in Australia: Press Conference (1964).” *Youtube*. N.p., 3 Dec. 2010. Web. 16 Dec. 2018. At 7:00.

⁴⁸ “The ‘Paul Is Dead’ Rumor.” Quoting *The New York Times*, 2 Nov. 1969, p. 13 (section II).

⁴⁹ “Paul McCartney and Jane Asher announce their engagement.”

⁵⁰ Garner, Ginny. “Was Beatle Paul McCartney Killed in 1966 and Replaced with a Double?” *LewRockwell.com*. N.p., 27 Jan. 2018, Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

⁵¹ Kollerstrom, Nicholas. “A Very English 9/11 Mystery.” *Plastic Macca ~ Paul Is Dead*. N.p., 12 Feb. 2014. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.

⁵² “Paul McCartney Research Notes.”

⁵³ *Id.*

⁵⁴ Mike McGear said, “It was no coincidence that Paul was on the Continent at the time. Paul would never face that sort of thing.” *Id.*; The Mysterydecoder. “Paul McCartney is dead - Blood test proved you were fooled!” *Youtube*. N.p., 18 Aug. 2016. Web. 16 Dec. 2018. At 6:35

McCartney's first public reaction to John Lennon's murder on December 8, 1980 was also suspect.⁵⁵ When ABC reporter, John Laurence, asked him about the brutal slaying of his friend, he nonchalantly responded with, "It's a drag, isn't it?" while casually chewing gum.⁵⁶ McCartney's indifferent attitude "was... an example of gross insensitivity..."⁵⁷ He even admitted it himself that he had come across as callous.⁵⁸ The excuse he gave in a 1984 *Playboy* interview was that he had been taken by surprise by a reporter sticking a microphone through the car window.⁵⁹ However,

⁵⁵ Cats Wear Valley & Darlington. "Paul McCartney reaction to news of John Lennon Death." *Youtube*. N.p., 8 Oct. 2006. Web. 16 Dec. 2018; Levine, Nick. "Paul McCartney says wife Linda saved him from nervous breakdown during Beatles split." *NME*. N.p., 2 Sept. 2013. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.

⁵⁶ Cats Wear Valley & Darlington. "Paul McCartney reaction to news of John Lennon Death." Levine. "Paul McCartney says wife Linda saved him from nervous breakdown during Beatles split."; Shelokhonov. "Paul McCartney Biography."; DRESSAGE. Mikhail Kizimov of Russia/ Teaching dressage videos. "Paul McCartney's real reaction to John Lennon's Death in 1980." *Youtube*. N.p., 11 Nov. 2016. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.

⁵⁷ Lewis, Martin. "Still A Drag... John Lennon's Death - 25 years On." *Huffington Post*. N.p., 25 May 2011. Web. 16 Dec. 2018.

⁵⁸ Cats Wear Valley & Darlington. "Paul McCartney reaction to news of John Lennon Death."; Levine. "Paul McCartney says wife Linda saved him from nervous breakdown during Beatles split."

⁵⁹ "PAUL: What happened was we heard the news that morning and, strangely enough, all of us--the three Beatles, friends of John's--all of us reacted in the same way. Separately. Everyone just went to work that day. All of us. Nobody could stay home with that news. We all had to go to work and be with people we knew. Couldn't bear it. We just had to keep going. So I went in and did a day's work in a kind of shock. And as I was coming out of the studio later, there was a reporter, and as we were driving away, he just stuck the microphone in the window and shouted, 'What do you think about John's death?' I had just finished a whole day in shock and I said, 'It's a drag.' I meant drag in the heaviest sense of the word, you know: 'It's a--drag.' But, you know, when you look at that in print, it says, 'Yes, it's a drag.' Matter of fact." *Thank you to Stephen Marvin for pointing out this anomaly*. "Paul McCartney 1984 *Playboy* Interview." *Courses.music.indiana.edu*. N.p., n.d. Web. 18 Dec. 2018.

the video footage showed that he was walking on a public street in London at the time, and was not in a car.⁶⁰ Many consider McCartney's apathetic response to the shooting to be evidence that he had never actually been close to Lennon, as it was the original Paul who had forged those bonds.⁶¹



*The Beatles at Abbey Road Studios with producer George Martin.*⁶²

Many investigators into the PID conspiracy theory have become convinced that

⁶⁰ The street appears to have been Oxford Street, as that is where McCartney II's studio was located. Abbey Road. "Paul McCartney's real reaction to John Lennon's Death in 1980,1981,1982,1989 & 2009." *Youtube*. N.p., 11 Apr. 2016. Web. 18 Dec. 2018. At 0:01-0:50; Vocile, Tony. "Paul McCartney reacts to John Lennon's Death "It's a drag, isn't it?..." *Youtube*. N.p., 6 Nov. 2010. Web. 23 Dec. 2018.

⁶¹ McCartney's resentment of Lennon is clear in this rambling statement: "When John got shot... I started to get frustrated because people started to say, 'Well he was The Beatles.' And me George and Ringo would go 'Er hang on. It's only a year ago we were all equal-ish.' John was the witty one, sure. John did a lot of great work. And post-Beatles he did more great work, but he also did a lot of not-great work. Now the fact that he's now martyred has elevated him to a James Dean and beyond. So whilst I didn't mind that - I agreed with it - I understood that now there was going to be revisionism. It was going to be: John was the one. I mean if you just pull out all his great stuff and then stack it up against my not-so-great stuff it's an easy case to make." Shelokhonov. "Paul McCartney Biography."

⁶² Photo credit: By Capitol Records - eBay itemphoto frontphoto back, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=16559014>.

Paul is dead.⁶³ Beatles' producer, George Martin, even said he was beginning to believe it himself.⁶⁴ Joel Glazier recalled, "At the time, people took it very seriously. It was the end of the '60s. You have to remember this was against the backdrop of the assassinations of Martin Luther King [Jr.] and Bobby Kennedy, as well as the Vietnam War and the Pentagon Papers. So this sounded like the perfect conspiracy cover-up. People stayed up all night talking about it, and some were actually quite scared."⁶⁵ Paul McGraft, a 14-year-old Beatles fan in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the time, said, "I can remember my friends and I reading articles in fan magazines and poring over our record albums to find clues. To us, listening to those backwards tracks on the White Album was as scary as any ghost story I ever heard at summer camp."⁶⁶

Shock jock, Howard Stern, is among those who think that Paul is dead. In a 2001 interview with John Lennon's first wife, Cynthia Powell Lennon, Howard Stern noted, "Paul McCartney has proven something has happened to him. I believe that Paul did die and this guy running around now is not Paul McCartney.... I believe he did die because the guy running around now can't be Paul McCartney. It's just not the same guy."⁶⁷ Rather than deny the startling allegations, Cynthia Lennon replied evasively that Paul was "definitely rejuvenated, let's put it that way."⁶⁸

The truth is that the person known today as "Paul McCartney" is a double, or as Emilio Lari, the photographer for The

⁶³ Baron, Zach. "Paul McCartney After The Beatles." *GQ*. N.p., 23 Sept. 2015. Web. 18 Dec. 2018.

⁶⁴ Dvs2751. "George Martin discussing the death of Paul McCartney MUST SEE." *Youtube*. N.p., 21 Dec. 2016. Web. 18 Dec. 2018. At 0:10

⁶⁵ Brinn, David. "Is it McCartney or is it an imposter?" *The Jerusalem Post*. N.p., 24 Sept. 2008. Web. 18 Dec. 2018.

⁶⁶ Stewart. "'Paul Is Dead' rumor fascinates, 40 years after it took off locally."

⁶⁷ Walter Kim. "Cynthia Lennon interview on Howard Stern (2001)." *Youtube*. N.p., 13 Dec. 2016. Web. 18 Dec. 2018. At 0:42-1:30.

⁶⁸ *Id.*

Beatles' 1965 film, *Help!*, put it, “a *sosia*.”⁶⁹ This fact was proven in 2009 by a team of Italian forensic scientists.⁷⁰ Anthropometrical and craniometrical differences between pictures taken of Paul before 1966 and after his alleged car crash showed that they were two different people.⁷¹ The biometrical analysis has been confirmed by facial recognition software and voiceprints.⁷²

An incredulous John Paul Roberts asked Roby Yonge in a 1995 interview, “Are you really telling us that the original Paul McCartney was not the later Paul McCartney, that there was a double?”⁷³ Yonge replied, “‘There really is’ is more like it... The McCartney situation is real. They replaced him with somebody special...”⁷⁴ In 2011, Ringo Starr revealed that he was “the last remaining Beatle,” implying that *all* of the others, including Paul,

⁶⁹ “This guy [McCartney] is a sosia” - a “double.” MikeyNL1038. “Emilio Lari - TheIamaphoneyInterview [EN Subtitles].” *Youtube*. N.p., 10 April 2014. Web. 18 Dec. 2018; 65if2007. “Emilio Lari talks about the 1966 death of Beatle Paul McCartney.” *Youtube*. N.p., 21 Nov. 2015. Web. 18 Dec. 2018; “Paul McCartney is really dead.”

⁷⁰ Di Fabio, Andriola and Alessandra Gigante. “Ask Who Was the ‘Beatle.’” *Wired Magazine*. N.p., 15 July 2009. Web. 15 Dec. 2018.

⁷¹ De Arcangelis, Alessandro. “The Great Hoax: The Beatles Death Curse.” *Newsblaze*. N.p., 7 Feb. 2010. Web. 18 Dec. 2018; Di Fabio. “Ask Who Was the ‘Beatle.’”

⁷² Biometrics are “the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics (such as fingerprint or voice patterns) especially as a means of verifying personal identity.” “Definition of Biometrics.” *Merriam-Webster*. N.p., n.d. Web. 22 Dec. 2018. See also De Arcangelis. “The Great Hoax: The Beatles Death Curse.”

⁷³ Iamaphoney. “Paul is dead - the rotten apple 77.”

⁷⁴ The interview between John Paul Roberts and Roby Yonge took place on June 13, 1995. Iamaphoney. “Paul is dead - the rotten apple 77.”

were dead.⁷⁵ Mike (“McGear”) McCartney, Paul’s younger brother, has even said, “Of course he’s dead.”⁷⁶

It is thought that the switch operation was “completed... by the time recording for the *Sgt. Pepper* album began” (December 6, 1966).⁷⁷ Singer Steve Miller acknowledged that, by 1969, “He wasn’t Paul McCartney anymore.”⁷⁸ In the spring of 1968, Frank Zappa and The Mothers of Invention released a song called “Mother People,” which satirized The Beatles’ *Sgt. Pepper* album.⁷⁹ Some believe that the lyrics hint at insider knowledge of PID.⁸⁰ A John Lennon sound-alike sings: “Let me take a minute and tell who I am / If it doesn’t show / Then you better know / *I’m another person.*”⁸¹

Musician Graham Nash said, “There are people who think that Paul McCartney was in Wings,” the band that McCartney and

⁷⁵ It is played off as a “joke,” but Starr admits there is an “element of truth to it.” Moreton, Cole. “Paul likes to think he’s the only remaining Beatle’: Ringo Starr on why the world’s most famous band was lucky to have him.” *Daily Mail*. N.p., 26 May 2011. Web. 18 Dec. 2018. See also MikeyNL1038. “Emilio Lari - TheIamaphoneyInterview [EN Subtitles].”

⁷⁶ McGear said this in 2016. Ryan, Jennifer. “Mike McCartney: Being a Beatle brother or a Guinness heir, you relax and enjoy your heritage.” *The Irish Times*. N.p., 28 Oct. 2016. Web. 18 Dec. 2018.

⁷⁷ Bonn, Tony. “Murdering Paul McCartney (1942-66).” *The American Chronicle*. N.p., 22 Feb. 2014. Web. 18 Dec. 2018; “Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band.” *The Beatles Bible*. N.p., n.d. Web. 18 Dec. 2018.

⁷⁸ Stern, Howard. “Steve Miller on Hanging With The Beatles – The Howard Stern Show.” *Youtube*. N.p., 4 Oct. 2017. Web. 18 Dec. 2018. At 3:10

⁷⁹ Released on March 4, 1968. Paulumbo. “Zappa and The Mothers’, ‘Mother People.’” *Who Buried Paul?* N.p., 29 Nov. 2013. Web. 18 Dec. 2018; Kraftneu. “The Mothers of Invention - Mother People - Original version.” *Youtube*. N.p., 2 July 2007. Web. 19 Dec. 2018; “The Mothers Of Invention - Mother People lyrics.” *Lyrics.az*. N.p., n.d. Web. 19 Dec. 2018.

⁸⁰ Paulumbo. “Zappa and The Mothers’, ‘Mother People.’”; Kraftneu. “The Mothers of Invention - Mother People - Original version.”; “The Mothers Of Invention - Mother People lyrics.”

⁸¹ “The Mothers Of Invention - Mother People lyrics.”

wife, Linda McCartney, formed in 1971 with Denny Laine.⁸² The implication was that the original Paul was not in Wings, contrary to popular belief. Denny Laine, in turn, said that he had played with “Billy Shears” (a nickname for the double).⁸³

The host of the TV game show, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, pointed to his fake persona in 2004, addressing him as, “Paul *so-called* McCartney.”⁸⁴ Zach Baron, writing for *GQ* magazine, intimated that there were multiple Pauls when he opined that “Paul in the ’70s was the most stylish Paul of them all.”⁸⁵

Even the impostor, “McCartney II,” has admitted that he is not the original Beatle Paul. For example, in the November 21, 1966 *Express*, he divulged, “I’m not Paul McCartney, but I’m sometimes mistaken for him.”⁸⁶ In 1972, he told Claes Elfberg in an interview that he was standing in for Paul because “Paul McCartney’s dead, of course.”⁸⁷ “He also recalled being asked by a fan if he really [were] Paul McCartney and responded, ‘No, but I wish I had his money!’”⁸⁸ When talk show host, David Letterman, while referencing PID, said, “There was a guy who looked like you,

⁸² Collins, Debby. *Facebook*. N.p., n.d. Web. 19 Dec. 2018; Johnson, Bryan. “Top 15 Oddities of McCartney, Dylan and The Stones.” *Listverse*. N.p., 11 June 2011. Web. 19 Dec. 2018.

⁸³ SageOfQuay. “Denny Laine Interview with Outlaw Renegade Nation - Admits Paul Is Billy Shears.” *Youtube*. N.p., 5 Apr. 2018. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. At 19:30

⁸⁴ Booker, James. “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Paul McCartney 2004.” *Youtube*. N.p., 21 March 2014. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. At 25:49

⁸⁵ Baron. “Paul McCartney After The Beatles.”

⁸⁶ Kollerstrom, Nicholas. “Paul and his doubles.” *TerrorontheTube.co.uk*. N.p., 1 Nov. 2015. Web. 19 Dec. 2018.

⁸⁷ Aim.burman. “Paul Mccartney funny interview.” *Youtube*. N.p., 12 Sept. 2009. Web. 19 Dec. 2018.

⁸⁸ Kelly, Martin. “Paul McCartney Recalls ‘Scary’ Japanese Prison Time.” *Ultimate Classic Rock*. N.p., 22 Aug. 2018, Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

taking your place,” McCartney II admitted that he was the impostor.⁸⁹ He pointed to himself and said, “This is him.”⁹⁰

The Beatles apparently referred to the double as “Faul” (short for Faux Paul).⁹¹ Talk show host, Michael Aspel, even called him “Faul” on a 1984 episode of *Aspel and Company*.⁹²

Mark Twain once observed, “It’s easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled.”⁹³ The Paul is Dead subject may be especially controversial “because people love The Beatles with great passion. If the new Paul is not the real Paul, it will be a terrible betrayal...”⁹⁴ Heather Mills, McCartney II’s second wife, warned that people do not want to know the truth, because they could never handle it.⁹⁵

This book is an attempt to expose one of the most ambitious psychological operations (“psyops”) in history – the impostor-

⁸⁹ Iamaphoney. “Late Show Special - Paul McCartney.” *Youtube*. N.p., 16 July 2009. Web. 19 Dec. 2018; “Macca still laughing off 40-year-old death hoax.” *Hindustan Times*. N.p., 17 July 2009. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. Westlaw citation: 2009 WLNR 13648569.

⁹⁰ *Id.*

⁹¹ George Harrison said that he had been “in Faul’s life” for 30 years. Beatle Stories. “George Harrison saying Paul McCartney ‘Ran out of good songs of his own!!’...” *Youtube*. N.p., 1 July 2017. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. At 1:30; HappyCrimble. “Beatles Christmas 1968 - Happy Christmas.” *Youtube*. N.p., 4 Dec. 2011. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. At 1:10; Notyourtype. “Paul McCartney Dead.” *Youtube*. N.p., 27 June 2012. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. At 0:20 - 0:30.

⁹² Misleadingsilhouette. “Paul McCartney on Aspel & Company 1984.” *Youtube*. N.p., 5 Jan. 2011. Web. 19 Dec. 2018. At 0:30

⁹³ “Mark Twain > Quotes > Quotable Quote.” *GoodReads*. N.p., n.d. Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

⁹⁴ The Mysterydecoder. “Paul McCartney is dead - Blood test proved you were fooled!” At 0:30.

⁹⁵ Iamaphoney. “Paul is Dead - the Rotten Apple 63 u.” *Youtube*. N.p. 4 Nov. 2007. Web. 14 Jan. 2019.

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replacement of James Paul McCartney (JPM).⁹⁶ In so doing, it is hoped that his memory can be reclaimed from the man who stole his identity and usurped his legacy. “[O]ur love and respect for Paul McCartney is the driving force for the truth in this matter...”⁹⁷

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⁹⁶ See “Definition of psyops.” *Merriam-Webster*. N.p., n.d. Web. 22 Dec. 2018.

⁹⁷ The Mysterydecoder. “Paul McCartney is dead - Blood test proved you were fooled!” At 0:30.